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The jury impaneled in the Langster
murder case did quick work yesterday.
The murderer of Policeman Fowler will
have to stretch hemp unless a kind Prov-
idence removes him speedily.

There is no call for the abolition of
the school board. What parents want is
a guarantee that they will not be called
upon every ten or fifteen minutes to buy
new text books for their children to suit
the will or caprice of a superintendent or
the mercenary pleasure of the book pub-
lishers' ring.

The preachers of New York have con-
fidence in Mr. Blaine, and they testified
to their regard for him in a telling man-
ner yesterday. The scene at the Fifth
Avenue hotel, described in our news col-
umns, which is all that will go straight to the
understandings of all God-fearing men of
the nation, and they will remember it on
election day. The preachers do not be-
lieve in consecrating total depravity and
gross immorality.

While the Bourbon organs were howl-
ing themselves hoarse over ex-Senator
Chadwick's visit to Virginia that gentle-
man was quietly inhaling the balmy air
of Florida. The ex-senator's health is
poor and he found it necessary to move
down to Florida. We trust the distin-
guished statesman's health will improve
rapidly that he may be enabled with
safety to his lungs return to New York
the second week in November.

Two Married Men Seen in a Vision.

John S. John—not the candidate for
the presidency—was subject to visions, but he
never saw any quite so surprising as the
vision of two married men seen by Cleve-
land, and whose story was related by him to
Horatio C. King, and told by the latter
to Mr. Beecher on his return from Buffalo.

The story was a great boon to Beecher.
He had made up his mind that Cleveland
would not be guilty of breaking the par-
ticular commandment cherished by the
Plymouth pastor as the apple of his eye,
and was a lovable person anyhow, so when
the revelation of the two married men
came to him the self-sacrificing benevo-
lence of the democratic candidate loomed
up before him in the largest proportions,
and caused a considerable amount of unre-
strainable gush. The story, as put
forth by King, was that in Buffalo were
two naughty men, who had forgotten
their marital vows, and became involved
in an affair which it was better should be
pushed up if possible, and in looking
about for a party on whom the odium
could be fastened without danger of detec-
tion they fixed upon Mr. Cleveland as a
suitable candidate, and he was unani-
mously elected by their joint vote.

In ordinary cases of this kind the effort
usually is to select some one to bear
the burden whose course of life will war-
rant the presumption of guilt, and con-
sequently who will not deeply suffer by
taking on a little additional infamy; but
in this case the two men had no scruples
about casting their shame upon one of
the exalted natures of the period, and at
the same time asking him to pay the
damages which might arise in an affair
of this sort. Mr. Cleveland accepted the
nomination and the infamy, and for
several years assumed a paternity that
belonged to others without protest, and
with a resignation that was unique in so
peculiar a situation, while the two mar-
ried men laughed in their sleeves at the
way out of their escape from disgrace
and their happy manner of maintaining
domestic felicity in their own homes,
which had been by them imperiled.

In course of time James Freeman
Clarke, of Boston, saw the astounding
improbability inherent in the King story,
and took the trouble to call on Cleve-
land, possibly with a view to get an in-
troductory to the two men to administer
to them a wholesome reproof for their sin
against the woman, and their other sin
against the reform candidate for the
presidency. Now, Cleveland being a re-
former could not well interest any
obstacle to his nomination and the infamy,
but the Mulligan letters furnished
the disfamers ammunition for a long while,
and for weeks after the pub-
lic was heartily sick and disgusted with
the whole business nauseating doses were
served up daily by the scaverger press.
Then it was charged that Secretary Chan-
dler had made a bargain with Gun Butler
on the Talapoosa, and this he did. This
confession acted like a charm on the
King narrative to collapse like the one-
horse shay, and knocked the magnanimity
theory of Cleveland's character higher
than a kite, so he set Mr. Beecher to writing
a beautiful letter to the governor, so
much like his mother's letters that the
governor came next morning on the in-
stant; and he wrote back that other re-
markable statement that his poor mother
had not known of his particular sin which
had "never been denied."

Beecher was now in possession of King's
story, that came from Cleveland, and of
Cleveland's confession giving the lie to it,
but at the moment he was not in search
of continental liars, it not being a good
day for that kind of fish, and he decided
that in the face of the two statements
the cause of reform could be best promoted
by maintaining that, as Grover had con-
fessed the adultery, he must be too good
a man to speak untruthfully, and hence
the two married men were only apocryphal
characters, whose appearance at the time
Mr. King was in Buffalo was due to
mental excitement under phenomenal

circumstances, not favorable to a calm
and judicial view of the situation. In a
word, he had a vision.

It cannot be doubted that Cleveland
was sincere in his statement to Mr. King
concerning the two liars, because it was
not necessary to invent more than one
man to render the story credible. Indeed,
the invention of two was an extravagance
that militated against the probabilities,
for it would be difficult to convince people
outside of the circle of Beecher and
Freight Clarke, that both men were
father to the wif who was sent to the
poorhouse. It was a wealth of invention
and a command of resources that the
friends of Cleveland have not utilized at
the full value in this campaign, though
they have not been parsimonious in the
use of extraordinary Munchausens. It
may be said with safety that the
success in New York in all the operas
they have presented at the star theater, Min-
tonomia, the celebrated danceme, is with the
Milan company. The resource for the season
includes "Faust," "Travotore," "Norma,"
and the opera, "Spartacus."

Sale of seats and boxes for the brief season
of Italian grand opera by the Milan company
will begin this morning at Draper's music store,
No. 25 Pennsylvania Avenue. The opera for
the opening night will be Verdi's "masterpiece."
The first will be "Travotore," and the second, "Messa
Domestica." Messa, Wilkinson, Soprano, and
Bologni. This company has achieved a
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